Minority Impact Statement for Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program for Four-Year-Old Children Grant Application

Background

Districts applying for the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program for the 2009-2010 school year are required to complete a Minority Impact Statement. Pursuant to 2008 Iowa Acts, HF 2393, Code Section 8.11; all grant applications submitted to the State of Iowa after January 1, 2009, shall include a Minority Impact Statement (MIS). Through the Minority Impact Statement, the State ensures that grant applicants consider the potential impact of the grant project's proposed programs or policies on minority groups.

Requirement

Districts applying for the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program for the 2009-2010 school year must submit the attached MIS form and descriptions with their original grant application.

How do districts complete the MIS?

Based on the information contained in the application, districts complete the attached MIS form and provide a description of the impact the proposed preschool programming will have on minority persons. Districts follow these steps to comply with Iowa law.

Step		Action
1	Determine if the proposed application has a positive, negative or no impact on minority persons. Note: The attached MIS form must be used and submitted with descriptions as necessary.	
	If	Then
	Positive Impact	 Describe the positive impact; and Check which of the listed groups is impacted.
	Negative Impact	 Describe the negative impact; Present a rationale for the existence of the proposed program; Provide evidence of consultation with representatives of the minority groups impacted; and Check which of the listed groups is impacted.
	No Impact	Provide a rationale for determining no impact.

2	Certify that the MIS form is accurate and complete.	
	Printed or typed name	
	• Original signature of:	
	- Superintendent OR	
	– Board President or designee.	
3	Include the signed MIS form and descriptions/rationale (as	
	appropriate) in front of the Cover Page of the original application	
	for the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program.	

How is the MIS submitted to the DE?

For the 2009-2010 grant year, districts include the MIS form and descriptions/rationale in front of the Cover Page of the original application for the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program.

Note: For the 2009-2010 grant year, Districts do not include the MIS with the three (3) copies of the application, only the original application.

Will an application meet submission requirements without an MIS?

No, Iowa Code does not allow a state agency to consider grant funding for applicants that do not include a completed MIS form and description/rationale.

Who needs to sign the MIS form?

The superintendent, board president or board president designee may sign the MIS form. An **original** signature must be on the MIS form.

Is the MIS scored?

No, the MIS is for informational purposes only and will not be scored.

How many copies of the MIS are submitted?

For the 2009-2010 grant year, districts will submit only <u>one</u> copy of the MIS form and description/rationale.

Is there a page limit for MIS descriptions?

No. There is no minimum or maximum page limit on the MIS descriptions/rationale.